Appendix 1

TOPIC GUIDE: IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW AND FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. The purchase
 - a. Impetus
 - b. Relationship with disease
 - c. Encouragement/triggering event
 - d. Discussion/encouragement from doctor
- 2. The choice
 - a. Factors in consideration: price,accuracy,validation
 - b. Use of other health related monitors
- 3. The usage
 - a. Intended use
 - b. Actual use
 - c. Explanation of technique
 - d. Frequency of use/influencing factors
- 4. The readings
 - a. What is considered normal?
 - b. What do they do with the readings?
 - c. How did the readings influence the management of hypertension?
 - d. What do they do if the readings deemed too high/low?
 - e. Any discussion of the readings with the doctor?
- 5. The value
 - a. Perceived value
 - b. Actual value
 - c. Any barrier to maximize the value
 - d. Any potential harm
- 6. The difficulties
 - a. Any difficulties with use
 - b. How?
 - c. Calibration/durability issues